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25X1 1. [] Provided Frank Slatinshek and Ed Braswell, House and Senate Armed Services Committee staffs, a copy of background data prepared by [] for the use of the Committee Chairmen in their meeting with the General this afternoon. 25X1C

25X1 2. [] Called Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, this morning and brought him up-to-date on developments concerning inquiries from Senator Proxmire and his staff of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee regarding possible involvement of CIA [] (See Memo for the Record) 25X1A

25X1 3. [] Received a call from Bill Jordan, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee, regarding the inquiries which he has made [] 25X1A
[] Following my conversation with Jordan, I called Tom Scott, of the Appropriations Committee staff, and brought him up-to-date on these developments. (See Memo for the Record)

25X1 4. [] Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding plans for General Vang Pao's meeting with the Intelligence Subcommittee this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Slatinshek said the General might be prepared for questions based on a Washington Star story of yesterday reporting the problems confronted by Vang Pao's forces in present circumstances.

25X1 5. [] Called Alma Moore, in Chairman Hebert's office, and provided her background information for the Chairman regarding General Vang Pao who will be visiting the Committee this afternoon.

25X1 6. [] Miss Morsey, in the office of Senator Robert Dole (R., Kans.), called on behalf of her sister who is trying to get word to her roommate, [] that she has been exposed to hepatitis and must check with a doctor within the next five days. Miss Morsey said she believed [] is enroute to join her family [] 25X1
Based on the advice of [] I informed Miss Morsey that a message would be sent today. 25X1A

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, Regarding Inquiries from Senator Proxmire's Staff Regarding [REDACTED]

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1. I called Bill Woodruff this morning and briefed him fully on the situation involving Senator Proxmire's original inquiry [REDACTED] at a meeting of his Foreign Operations Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations Committee as to whether there was any direct relationship or cover for CIA in [REDACTED] and the subsequent inquiries from Bill Jordan, of the Subcommittee staff, [REDACTED]

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2. Woodruff grasped the problem immediately and said he would discuss it with Tom Scott, Chief Clerk of the Appropriations Committee. He said, however, unless Scott had other views he would recommend that the Director write a letter to Senator Ellender on this subject indicating that a response to Senator Proxmire's question be included in a public record would not be in the Agency's interest, adding that of course he would be happy to discuss this whole matter with the CIA Subcommittee. (Woodruff commented that if Senator Russell was still alive such a letter would not be necessary but under present circumstances it would.)

3. Woodruff said that upon receipt of such a letter he would ask Senator Ellender to speak to Senator Proxmire and ask him to refrain from pressing the issue of covert CIA activities on the ground these were matters within the jurisdiction of the CIA Subcommittee. Woodruff would then speak to Bill Jordan along the same lines.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Bill Jordan, Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, Regarding Involvement [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Memo dtd 8 June 1972, Subj: Conversation with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, Regarding Inquiries from Senator Proxmire's Staff Regarding [REDACTED] Activities

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1. In the absence of Mr. Maury, who was on the Hill, Mr. William Jordan called me to say he wanted us to know that although he had accepted [REDACTED] statement [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] at Senator Proxmire's instance, he has raised a broader issue with AID. He said this was a new matter and did not constitute a change from the position which he had discussed earlier.

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2. I told Jordan I was aware of his inquiry to several people [REDACTED] since they had contacted people here in the Agency in connection with them. I said that once again these inquiries put [REDACTED] in an awkward position since Senator Proxmire had asked for responses which would be included in an open record and the Director had instructed [REDACTED] not to respond to these inquiries in such a forum. I told Jordan we wanted to assure him again we were perfectly willing to discuss these matters on a confidential basis with Senator Proxmire, but since the Senator refuses to accept any information that cannot be put in the public record we were at somewhat of an impasse.

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3. Mr. Jordan stated that as Chairman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee Senator Proxmire had a responsibility for the appropriations and activities [REDACTED] I said there was no question about that but when in the course of exercising this responsibility he attempted to have questions about covert activities answered in the public record he was creating a difficult situation. I added the matters in which the Senator has expressed an interest were subjects which the Agency would be happy to discuss with the CIA

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Subcommittee under the Chairmanship of Senator Ellender (who of course is also Chairman of the full Appropriations Committee) and in the final analysis boils down to a question of which Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee has jurisdiction over the subject matter.

25X1A 4. Jordan said he had already drafted and sent to Senator Proxmire a letter for the Senator to send to [] asking, "Can you 25X1A provide a clear, unequivocal and unclassified assurance that the [] programs 25X1A and projects have not and will not be used directly or indirectly for any activities for which the Foreign Operations Subcommittee has not been clearly informed." I told Jordan I was quite certain this question would again raise an issue to which [] could not respond in the open record. Jordan asked if I was suggesting that such a letter not be sent. I told him personally I thought it would be better if the letter was not couched in those terms and suggested that he, Bill Woodruff (Appropriations Committee staff member responsible for CIA matters), and I meet and see if we could phrase the question in such a way as to satisfy all parties. It appeared that Jordan was principally concerned over the possibility that [] possibly were being used for covert activities. I told him I was not familiar with the details involved but felt a question raised to this effect could probably be answered in the negative by [] without creating 25X1A problems.

25X1A 5. Mr. Jordan said he thought he had better get together with Senator Proxmire this afternoon and inform him that the letter which he had drafted raised questions concerning activities of which the Senator was not aware and determine whether the Senator wanted to pursue the matter or preferred 25X1A to discuss it with Senator Ellender. A short time later Jordan called to say 25X1A he had talked with Senator Proxmire who was willing to accept [] assurances with regard to [] 25X1A but was planning to send his letter to [] on the broader subject. Jordan 25X1A said he had attempted to reach Bill Woodruff this afternoon without success but added he planned to confine himself to strictly [] matters and if issues 25X1A of a broader nature arose they would have to be settled by someone else.

25X1 6. Following my conversations with Jordan I called Tom Scott, Chief Clerk, Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date. Scott acknowledged that Bill Woodruff, Counsel of the Committee, had briefed him this morning on the situation and Scott said he felt that Senator Proxmire was

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getting into areas which were properly within the responsibility of the CIA Subcommittee. I told Scott I was not asking him to do anything at this juncture, but merely wanted to keep him completely informed. I added that on further reflection on Woodruff's suggestion this morning we did not plan to ask the Director to send a letter to Chairman Ellender unless the situation became worse.



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10. (Confidential - GLC) In the wake of numerous contacts between [redacted] 25X1A
[redacted] on CIA employees under 25X1
[redacted] I talked with [redacted]
[redacted] I asked him to get on top of the situation
in [redacted] and hold any response to queries raised by Bill Jordan, of Senator
Proxmire's Foreign Operations Subcommittee staff of Senate Appropriations
Committee, on this subject. See Memorandum for the Record. 25X1A

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Legislative Counsel

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Mr. Houston
Mr. Thuermer
Mr. Clarke
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with [] Regarding Senator Proxmire's
Inquiry on [] Activities

1. In the wake of numerous contacts between []
tives concerning information on [] cover. I talked with []
[] I asked him to get on top of the situation [] and hold any
response to queries raised by Bill Jordan, of Senator Proxmire's Foreign
Operations Subcommittee staff of Senate Appropriations Committee, on this
subject.

2. Following a discussion of this problem with Messrs. []
[] I told Furman we would draft a proposed letter for [] to send
to Senator Proxmire from Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Inter-
American Affairs Charles A. Meyer, saying that in looking further into the
question raised by Senator Proxmire at his testimony before the Subcommittee
he had concluded that any information on the [] cover situation would
have to come from CIA. I made it clear to Furman, however, this proposal
would have to be approved by the Director who would be out of town until some
time tomorrow afternoon and we would be in touch with them as soon as possible
thereafter.

3. Furman pointed out that Bill Jordan had pressed them for assurances
that []
in any way and there are no plans for any such utilization. Furman responded
to Jordan with the suggestion that if the Subcommittee was interested in this
question it should be the subject of a letter to []

4. I told Furman I proposed to discuss this whole situation with Bill
Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to see if Proxmire and
Jordan could be persuaded not to pursue this matter further.

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